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Title : Need to clear the pending proposal for doubling and electrification of railway line from Bibinagar to Nadikudi and construct a railway line between Obulavaripalli and Krishnapatnam Port in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO (GUNTUR): Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted following two proposals for inclusion in the railway budget and also for immediate necessary action:-

1. Request for doubling and electrification of the railway line from Bibinagar to Nadikudi.

   - The Bibinagar to Nadikudi railway line is an important section of the South Central Railways, connecting the twin cities to the coastal districts.
   - Prestigious trains like the Hyderabad- Chennai Express, the Narasapur Express and the Falaknuma Express run on this route, as the travel time is less.
   - The trains on this route are fully occupied and there is constant demand from the public for more trains on this route.

2. Construction of railway line from Obulavaripalli in Kadapa District to Krishnapatanam Port in Nellore District.

   A railway line is required to provide access to Krishnapatnam Port for the mining areas in Bellary − Hospet region. This line will also help in development of the hinterland in Kadapa district. The total length is 114 kms and the project will cost around Rs.450 crores. State Government is committed to 13% of equity up to Rs. 20 crores for land acquisition for the Rail Project. This project may be expedited.

   As these proposals are pending for the last two years, I urge upon the Union Minister to kindly accept these proposals at an early date.